GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Vizianagaram District – Allegations of irregularities in Misappropriation of Government funds in providing drinking water facility to Sarika (V) in Vizianagaram District against Sri P.Madhava Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-division, Vizianagaram (now Retired) and three (03) others – Charges framed – Written Statement of Defences submitted – Appointment of Smt.S.Kavitha, Superintending Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle Vizianagaram District as Inquiry Officer under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and Sri K.R.V.Pydiraju, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-Division, L.Kota, Vizianagaram District as Presenting Officer under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 291 **Dated: 28-04-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.21 (C.No.1096/V&E/ENGG/2018), dated 19.07.2022 of Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department.
2. G.O.Ms.No.04 and G.O.Rt.No.55, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept, dt.18.01.2024.
3. G.O.Rt.No.54, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.18.01.2024.
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.56-58, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.18.01.2024.
5. Lr.No.Vig(1)/RWS&S/V&E-21/2023, dt.07.03.2024 & 16.07.2024 of ENC, RWS&S along with WSDs of the Charged Officers.
6. Lr.No.1982099/CPR&RD/Vig/2023, dt.16.08.2024, 03.01.2025 Director, PR&RD Dept. along with WSDs of the Charged Officers received on 08.01.2025.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department has reported that there was an old piped Water Supply Scheme (PWSS) to fulfil the drinking water needs of Sarika (V) in Vizianagaram District having a population of nearly 1900. Two works were sanctioned from the Zilla Parishad General Funds at a total estimate cost of Rs.7.50 lakhs in October, 2016. Again in November, 2016, Sarika Gram Panchayat passed a resolution for repairs and five works were sanctioned from the Gram Panchayat general funds at a total estimated cost of Rs.7.95 lakhs to repair the same PWS Scheme at Sarika Village. Later, the then Hon'ble MLA, Smt.Meesala Geeta, Vizianagaram Constituency sent a petition and requested for an enquiry on misuse of Government funds. Vigilance & Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegation of misappropriation of Government funds in providing drinking water facility to Sarika (V) in Vizianagaram Mandal & District and recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.Madhava Rao, the then Deputy

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Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-division, Vizianagaram (now retired) and three (03) others.

2. After careful examination of the matter, Government vide GO 3rd read above, initiated common proceedings in respect of the following in service persons duly framing Articles of Charges vide GO 4th read above.

i. Sri R.Sanyasi Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-Division, Vizianagaram.
ii. Sri P.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary, Sarika Gram Panchayat, Vizianagaram Mandal.
iii. Sri T.V.Suryanarayana, the then Panchayat Secretary Gr.IV, Sarika Gram Panchayat, Vizianagaram Mandal.

3. In the GO 2nd read above, sanction is accorded in respect of Sri P.Madhava Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-division, Vizianagaram as he was retired from service under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and the charges were framed against him under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

4. In the reference 5th and 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has forwarded Written Statements of Defense of all the Charged Officers wherein all the Charged Officers requested to exonerate from the charges framed against them.

5. After careful examination, Government have decided to conduct regular departmental inquiry against the Charged Officers, mentioned at paras 2 & 3 above and accordingly hereby appoint Smt.S.Kavitha, Superintending Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Vizianagaram District as Inquiry Officer under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 to conduct detailed inquiry against the said Charged Officers.

6. Government also hereby appoint Sri K.R.V.Pydiraju, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-Division, L.Kota, Vizianagaram District, as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in para 5 above, on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall well acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Officer effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Inquiry Officer during the course of inquiry.

8. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit his report in three (03) months, as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.91, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., dated 12.09.2022. Copies of charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and written statements of defense, submitted by the Charged Officers, are furnished herewith to the Inquiry

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Officer as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt.S.Kavitha, Superintending Engineer (FAC), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle Vizianagaram District and Inquiry Officer (w.e.)
Sri K.R.V.Pydiraju, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-Division, L.Kota, Vizianagaram District & Presenting Officer.
The individuals through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

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The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER